**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1.     A method for a client device of a communication system comprising:

receiving a client provisioning document from a source;

identifying a device management characteristic from the client provisioning

document; and

storing data based on the device management characteristic of the client

provisioning document to a device management tree.

2.     The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a client provisioning

document from a source includes receiving the client provisioning document from a

remote server over a wireless communication link.

3.     The method of claim 1, wherein identifying a device management

characteristic from the client provisioning document includes identifying at least one

of a URI parameter, an OP parameter and a DATA parameter corresponding to the

device management characteristic.

4.     The method of claim 3, further comprising appending the URI

parameter if the client provisioning document only includes the URI parameter.

5.     The method of claim 3, further comprising setting the OP parameter to

a REPLACE status if the device management characteristic does not include the OP

parameter.

6.     The method of claim 3, further comprising resetting the DATA

parameter to a default value if the device management characteristic does not include

the DATA parameter.

7.      A client device of a communication system comprising:

a provisioning and management framework configured to receive a client provisioning document, the client provisioning document includes a device management characteristic.

8.      The client device of claim 7, wherein the provisioning and management framework receives the client provisioning device from a remote server over a wireless communication link.

9.      The client device of claim 7, wherein the device management characteristic corresponds to at least one of a URI parameter, an OP parameter and a DATA parameter.

10.     The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework appends the URI parameter if the client provisioning document only includes the URI parameter.

11.     The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework sets the OP parameter to a REPLACE status if the device management characteristic does not include the OP parameter.

12.     The client device of claim 9, wherein the provisioning and management framework resets the DATA parameter to a default value if the device management characteristic does not include the DATA parameter.

13.     The client device of claim 7, further comprising a device management engine communicating with the provisioning and management framework, the device management engine being configured to update a device management tree based on the device management characteristic of the client provisioning document.